

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 7, 2006 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Amendment cancels claim 28. Accordingly, claims 16-27 are currently pending in this application, and claim 16 is in independent form.

Drawings

Initially, the Applicant would like to note that the Examiner has not indicated whether the drawings are accepted or objected on the Office Action Summary (PTO Form 329). In response to this Amendment, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide an indication whether the drawings submitted July 8, 2005 are accepted.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 16-27 define over the prior art of record. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that claims 16-27 are allowed on page 2 of the Office Action.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claim 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,173,118 to Harris.

Claim 28 has been cancelled by this Amendment, thus rendering the rejection of claim 28 moot.

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Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant believes that the above-referenced patent application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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